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**County issues reminder on proper disposal of liquid household waste**

LĪHU'E -- A recent assessment of residential materials disposed at the refuse transfer stations and in refuse carts has prompted county officials to issue a reminder about the proper disposal of liquid household waste.

Proper disposal methods, which are provided on most product labels, should be used at all times as products sold in containers that are labeled caution, warning, danger or poison become household hazardous waste (HHW) when discarded.

Even a small quantity of HHW that is left over from a home project could result in noxious vapor emissions or spontaneous combustion when co-mingled with mixed waste. This could lead to negative impacts including damaged equipment, delays in service or long lines at the transfer stations, or sudden facility closures.

Other liquid wastes including latex paint and used cooking oil can be properly disposed of by pouring it into a box with absorbent material such as sawdust, kitty litter, old towels, and/or shredded paper. Once absorbed, the box should be placed in a garbage bag and disposed of in the trash.

The next HHW collection event will occur in October or November. If you cannot bring your liquid household waste to the HHW event, please go to the county's website at [www.kauai.gov/hhw](http://www.kauai.gov/hhw) for information on how to handle specific items.

Anyone with questions can call the Recycling Office at 241-4841.